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## \$12,000,000 Bond Issue For 1923 Road Program Is Provided In Measure

### ASSEMBLY TO GET BILL AT EARLY DATE

Bill Decided Upon For Introduction at Extra Session

50,000,000 ASKED

Goolrick Leads Bond Advocates — Referendum Favored Should Issue Fail Passage Now

Richmond, Feb. 28.—Advocates of the bond issue as the means for providing funds for highway construction work, has announced that a bill providing for a \$12,000,000 bond issue and a 1 cent gasoline tax to provide interest and sinking fund this year will be introduced in the early days of the extraordinary session of the General Assembly, which convened today at 12 o'clock noon under special call from Governor E. Lee Trinkle. The bill will provide for a maximum issue of \$50,000,000.

The measure will be sponsored by Senators Vaughan, of Franklin; Goolrick, of Fredericksburg; Lesner, of Norfolk; Cannon, of Richmond; Gunn, of Henrico; Miller, of Rappahannock; Montague, of Portsmouth, and others. "The advocates of the bond issue," said Senator Goolrick last night, "believe that the 3 cent direct gasoline tax proposition is growing more and more unpopular. We do not believe it can muster a majority vote in either branch of the General Assembly. We regard this in accordance with Governor Trinkle's call, a session to provide for an emergency this year, and the 3 cent direct gasoline tax will not meet the emergency.

"I am amazed at Senator Byrd's suggestion to have a referendum on the subject by legislative districts. The question is a State-wide proposition, and if there is a referendum it should be State-wide and not by districts," said Senator Goolrick.

Reports from Lawrenceville, where Senator Goolrick and Delegate Marvin Smith spoke in favor of a bond issue on Monday night, are to the effect that they said they favored a state-wide referendum, if the bond issue proposal fails at this session. At the meeting E. P. Buford, president of the Virginia Bar Association, also spoke in favor of bonds, and Delegate Thomas W. Ozlin, of Lunenburg, and Senator Louis S. Epps, of Nottoway, spoke for the direct 3 cent tax on gasoline. A small majority against the bond issue was registered at the meeting, and Delegate Smith was instructed to vote against the proposed bond issue bill.

None of the proponents of the 3-cent gasoline tax would talk for publication last night. Senator Byrd, Delegate Ozlin, Senator Beverley and others saying that they desired to await the Governor's message today before going into print with their views.

It was the consensus of opinion yesterday that both branches would adhere pretty closely to the recommendations of the Governor that only the major proposition be considered at this session, those being measures for providing funds for highway construction; correction in the senatorial redistricting bill and ratification of the enlargement of the State Office Building to twelve stories.

Delegate Wilbur C. Hall, of Loudoun, will offer a bill affecting drivers of automobiles. The present State laws provide that under one license the owner, members of his family or a servant regularly employed, may operate the car for which the license is issued but there is no law revoking the license of any person driving a car while under the influence of liquor. Delegate Hall's bill will provide that a person found guilty of operating a car while under the influence

### Ireland Is Fighting Yet

(United Press)  
Dublin, Feb. 28.—Heavy fighting is under way between a strong rebel force and free state troops in the glen of Aherlow, it is reported here.  
At least two insurgents have been killed. Details of the battle are not known.

### Washington Glad Congress Leaves

Has Been Continually in Session For Exactly Two Years

(BY ISAAC GREGG)

Washington, Feb. 28.—Just about everybody in Washington is glad that the Sixty-Seventh Congress is drawing to a close and that the tension between the executive and legislative branches of the government which has led recently to the unusual irritation and discontent that has seethed below the surface, will be ended. Congress has been almost continually in session since the advent of the Harding administration nearly two years ago and during that time there have developed criticisms, harshness, unrest and misunderstandings growing out of frequent and probably unavoidable conflicts between the executive and legislative branches. These things have almost come to a climax in the last few days and if Congress were to remain here much longer there might be an open conflict between the President and his cabinet advisors on the one hand and influential groups of Republicans in Congress on the other.

Many of the things out of which these misunderstandings have grown have been important but most of them have been comparatively trivial at the outset though later leading to unnecessary irritation and bad feeling. The latest of course, is the President's proposal for American adherence to the international court of justice which, it is now no secret, has aroused some of the more outspoken members of the Senate to harsh criticism of the administration and Secretary of State Hughes. These Senate members do not of course question the good faith of the administration in making the proposal but they insist that its submission to the Senate at this time was poor politics, and an act that was uncalled for, and one which will lead to division in the Republican party.

The fact is that the nerves of the members of Congress and probably those of the members of the President's cabinet as well have been pretty well worn out by weeks and months of bickering and disputes about major and minor policies. It is certain that there have been few fundamental disagreements but it is equally true that there have been a great number of minor causes for dispute. That is why everybody is glad that Congress is going to have a vacation.

### Heavy Fog On River Impedes Water Traffic

Officials of the Norfolk and Washington Line report the heaviest fog of recent years on the lower Potomac. The Norfolk boat leaving here at 7 p. m. on Monday did not reach Norfolk until 6 p. m. yesterday and the steamer leaving Norfolk at 6 p. m. yesterday docked in Alexandria at noon today.

Weather conditions have made it impossible to adhere more closely to schedule and old residents, who remember similar fogs on the river, remarked on the ability of the Norfolk steamers to make the trip in the time reported. Heavy fogs all along the Atlantic coast have hampered shipping and the local line is fortunate in escaping accidents which are reported by ships bound for more northerly ports.

## OPEN WARFARE IS PREDICTED IN RHINELAND

French Cablegram Officially displays Great Uneasiness

### RUHR ORGANIZES

Charges That The German Government is Backing The Anti-French Trouble

(By United Press.)

Washington, Feb. 28.—Widespread bloodshed and open warfare in the French occupied Ruhr Valley of Germany, the European powder keg, are forecast in an official cablegram received here today from the highest authorities of the French government in Paris.

The cablegram, which is understood to have been more or less confidential and not necessarily meant for publication, makes the following two startling statements: 1.—That a German nationalist and anti-French armed uprising is planned against the French and Belgian troops of occupation, and that volunteers are rushing from all over Germany to join this movement.

2.—That the French forces have prepared themselves for the crisis, and that orders have been given the Command of the French Army of Occupation in the Ruhr to suppress with "rigorous reprisals" any actual attempts against the troops.

The official cablegram charges in effect that the German Government is behind this movement against the occupational forces. The cablegram declares that the news it carries is based on "certain information" reaching the French government.

A paraphrase of the dispatch follows: "A Nationalist and anti-French attempt at an uprising against the French and Belgian Armies of Occupation is planned. Volunteers are coming from all over Germany to join this movement, which might develop into armed uprisings similar to those in Upper Silesia sometime ago. The French troops are preparing themselves for the outbreak, and when the actual attempt comes it will be met with vigorous reprisals, before active support can be had from the German Government, which will be held directly responsible for the consequences."

The official French dispatch did not go into this, but observers have immediately connected the alleged plot of an outbreak against the French in the Ruhr with the German Fascist and General Ludendorff, former War Lord.

### Kidnapper Will Get Fast Trial

Fiendish Murderer to be Questioned on Other Outrages

(By The United Press.)

Philadelphia, Feb. 28.—"Swift justice" will be meted out to Willie "Texas" Morgan, 38, confessed kidnapper and murderer of six-year-old Lillian Gilmore, district attorney Rotan announced today.

The coroner's inquest will be held Friday and the finding will be sent to the district attorney's office for the preparation of an indictment. The indictment will probably go to the grand jury on Saturday and the trial will begin next week.

Baltimore and New York, cities with unsolved child murders, will send detectives here today to question Morgan, police said.

Detective Hogan, of Baltimore, will question Morgan in connection with the murder of Clara Stone, eight-year-old girl who was killed by a fiend on February 21, 1922, it was announced.

### FIRE PROVES FATAL

(By The United Press.)  
Philadelphia, Feb. 28.—One man was burned to death and seven firemen injured by a falling wall in a three alarm fire that destroyed the Philadelphia rifle club building early today.

### Wrights Stole From King Sol

London, Feb. 28.—Three thousand years before the Wright brothers began trying to emulate the birds the Queen of Sheba flew the world's first airship, given her by King Solomon.  
An ancient Abyssinian manuscript, "The Glory of the Kings," makes this first historical reference to flying, as translated by Sir E. Wallis Budge, director of Egyptian antiquities at the British Museum. The manuscript records that Solomon gave Balis "a vessel wherein one could traverse the air or winds which Solomon had made by the wisdom God had given him."

## SENATORS SEE NO SENTIMENT FOR NEW PLAN

Conclude That Plan is Not Being Considered Seriously

### WANT MORE DETAILS

Said to be Method of Entering League of Nations "Through the Back Door."

Washington, Feb. 28.—The public pulse has thus far shown little acceleration under the influence of President Harding's latest plan for American cooperation in world affairs.

Either the people generally have failed as yet to grasp the full significance of his proposal for American participation in the permanent international court, or it has left them cold. This is the conclusion of senators who watch closely for public reactions on such matters.

Ordinarily, such a proposal would have brought by this time such a flood of letters and telegrams to the senate as would serve to indicate the trend of public opinion. While the correspondence with senators has been considerable it has come largely from those who want the United States to enter the league of nations, and who see in the Harding proposal a step in that direction. Many of the letters speak of the administration proposal as a vindication of Woodrow Wilson. In many of them the point is made that the Republican party, having repudiated the league and all that went with it, and promised some new international organization, one part of which was to be a court, has now turned the League's own court as the only practical agency for carrying out the party's campaign pledges.

"A right-about-face," one writer called it. Another said the whole Harding foreign policy is a repetition of the Wilson policy which the Republicans so bitterly condemned.

Offsetting the letters from league advocates, who favor approval of the Harding plan, are those who condemn the idea because they are opposed to any step tending to involve the United States in European councils.

"Getting us into the league by the back door," said one citizen, in an indignant letter to a western senator. "We elected Wilson once on the plea that he knew us out of war, and he got us in; we elected Harding because he said he would keep us out of the league, and he is trying to get us in," wrote another.

A few correspondents have indicated the belief it is a good thing the senate cannot act on the plan at this time, pointing out that before the next congress meets, the country will be in a better position to judge the merits of the plan.

Senator Lodge planned today to lay before President Harding the foreign relations committee's request for fuller information concerning the international court's powers and the attitude of other nations there adhered to it.

## FACULTY AND PUPILS MAKE PRESENTATION

Capt. W. H. Sweeney Given Chair, Clock and Lamp

### QUITS POST APRIL 1

Exercises are Held in Jefferson School—Faculty and Pupils Honor Their Chief

Capt. William H. Sweeney, superintendent of public schools, who will resign as such April 1 to become deputy city auditor, yesterday afternoon was presented with gifts from the members of the faculty and pupils of the schools in recognition of his faithful services and as a token of their appreciation of his work as superintendent of schools.

There were three gifts, one being a handsome chair, the gift of the members of the faculty. A speech of presentation was made by Miss Mary Monroe.

From the pupils in the schools a handsome chime clock and an electric lamp were presented, Miss Edwina Carver, a pupil in the seventh grade making the speech of presentation.

Capt. Sweeney made a suitable response in which he took occasion to thank the donors for their gifts.

The presentations were made in Jefferson school after the closing of studies, and in addition to the members of the faculty representatives of pupils from the various schools were in attendance.

For the past fourteen years Capt. Sweeney has served as superintendent of schools. He originally planned to leave the school service March 1.

Owing, however, to the fact that the successor to Capt. Sweeney, R. C. Bowton, will be unable to assume the duties of the position until April 1, Capt. Sweeney decided to remain as school head until that time. Mr. Bowton is now superintendent of schools at Clifton Forge, Va., where he has served as such for the past five years.

### Fail To Find W. H. Oehlert

Ex-Convict Escaped From Penitentiary Nine Days Ago

All efforts to find any trace of William H. Oehlert, of this city, who escaped from the Richmond penitentiary February 20, where he was serving a twenty year sentence for the murder of Henry Briscoe thus far have proved unavailing.

It was at first thought that Oehlert would come to his former home in this city. A lookout kept here, however, thus far has failed to reveal the presence of the fugitive in this city and the opinion prevails that Oehlert's all probability has gone to some distant city with the hope of eluding capture.

The murder of Briscoe occurred on the Camp Humphreys road in Fairfax county October 15, 1921 and December 2, 1921 he was found guilty by a jury in Fairfax and sentenced. Oehlert went to the penitentiary early in 1922 and had spent only a year in that institution when he made good his getaway.

### Citizens Bank Addition Is Nearing Completion

The work of building the addition to the Citizens National Bank is progressing rapidly and it is expected that the work will be completed within the next six weeks. The cages in the front of the building were changed today in order to make room for the mechanics employed on the work. When completed this will be one of the largest and most modern banking institutions in the state.

## Five School Boys Held In Dry Law Violation Case

(By United Press.)

Detroit, Feb. 28.—Five school boys between 12 and 14, are held charges of violating the Volstead law.

Three of the youths are accused of attempting to smuggle "white mule" into the county jail to prisoners, while the other two are said to have been captured while bringing a load of beer over the ice from Canada to Ecorse.

Three arrested while, police declared, they were attempting to smuggle liquor into the jail are Dorsey Williams, 14, Luther Good, 12, and Ruben Turner, 12. They were caught tying a beer bottle filled with white mule to a rope being lowered from a window. Those held on the smuggling charge are Irwin Copard, 14, and Edward Goddell, 13, both attending school in Ecorse.

The youths were arrested as they reached the American side.

### British Debt Bill Is Signed

President Harding Sanctions Congress's Approval of Debt

(By United Press.)

Washington, Feb. 28.—President Harding today signed the bill providing for an acceptance of the British debt settlement.

The way is now cleared for drawing up a formal contract between the two nations embodying the terms for paying the greatest international debt in the history of the world.

Following these formalities, Great Britain is expected to make an immediate cash payment of about \$4,000,000 and with payments totalling about \$161,000,000.

Bonds on huge denominations will be printed as part of the funding program.

The terms agreed upon by the British and American debt commission and now ratified by Congress call for payment of the \$1,600,000,000 debt in 62 years.

The interest rate during the first ten years is to be 3 per cent, should Great Britain not pay the debt earlier than 62 years, her total payments to this government would be approximately \$10,000,000,000.

All payments must be used under present law to retire Liberty Bonds. The bill signed by the President today provides for extending the British terms to other debtor nations.

### Harding Nominates Mondell For Place

(By United Press.)

Washington, Feb. 28.—Representative Frank W. Mondell, of Wyoming, Republican floor leader of the House, whose term expires in Congress within the present session today was nominated by President Harding as Director of the War Finance Corporation, succeeding Dwight Davis, of Missouri, Davis was nominated today to be Assistant Secretary of War succeeding John Mayhew Wainwright, of New York, who was recently elected to Congress.

### ST. PAUL SERVICES

Lenten Services will be held in St. Paul's Church on Tuesdays and Thursdays of each week at 5 o'clock until Holy Week.

### M. P. CHURCH

Mid-week services will be held tonight in the Methodist Protestant Church. The pastor, the Rev. Robert Browne will preach on "The Pearl of Great Price." A meeting of the ladies of the church will be held immediately following the service.

## Fred Stone, Snowbound, Hits It Off On The Sawdust Trail

(By United Press.)

New York, Feb. 28.—"Fred Stone's got religion!"

These tidings flew up and down Broadway today as the theatrical world learned that the famous comedian, snowbound in Butte, Mont., had "hit the sawdust trail."

Stone, formerly a member of the Montgomery and Stone team, and now star of his own show, Tip Top, went to the Rev. Cecil Leslie Clifford of the Mountain-view Methodist Episcopal Church in Butte and told him he felt the need of more religion in his life.

"We prayed together, and while we were kneeling Mr. Stone pledged his life to God," the pastor said.

Later, at a church service, Stone announced he would contribute one tenth of his income to christian work. He entered the pulpit and told the congregation of how he had felt a great loneliness in his life and how he discovered that this loneliness could be relieved by reading the Bible and studying Christ's teachings.

### Russia to Try New Government

Capitalist System Will be Put Into Operation April 1

(By United Press.)

London, Feb. 28.—Soviet Russia is going to adopt the "capitalist" system of government at the end of March when the communist congress meets according to Helsingfors dispatches today.

At that time Leon Trotsky, war minister, will take over direction of the Department of industry or education, the daily Herald said.

The change to a capitalist state will be complete, and will necessitate the turning over of power to a group representing the trade unions and cooperative socialists.

Under the new regime tasks of fostering industry and education are considered the most important wherefore Trotsky will be asked to take over one or the other.

### Russian Divorcee Held In Schneider Killing

(By United Press.)

New York, Feb. 28.—Mrs. Anna Buzzi, 30, pretty Russian divorcee, held in \$25,000 bail as a material witness in the case, was questioned today, police said, about love affairs of Frederick Schneider, slain millionaire contractor.

The woman, of statuesque type, and immaculately groomed when first brought to the police station for questioning, was disheveled and hysterical in the Bronx County jail. She wept and cried for "Sweetheart Fred" to "come and tell them all about it."

Police declared that Mrs. Buzzi for several years after her divorce from her husband, acted as "housekeeper" for Schneider whose body was found upright at the wheel of his auto on lonely Seaview Avenue Road Monday night.

### Brodie Will Speak For Near East Relief Here

The Near East Relief Committee, of which Mrs. Morris L. Horner has recently been elected Chairman, will hold a public meeting on Monday evening, at 8 o'clock, in the Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Brodie, from National Headquarters in Washington, will be present and will make a talk, illustrated by lantern slides. This meeting is open to the public and it is hoped that many will avail themselves of this opportunity to hear Dr. Brodie who is an interesting and convincing speaker.

It is understood that Mr. Harrison is especially partial to the local plant, and that he insisted that the locomotive be built here. Officers of the Richmond plant are now awaiting word from New York offices of their company concerning the contract.

### Foul Plague Falls as Pharaoh's Tomb Opens

London, Feb. 28.—Boils and carbuncles, the twin-plague of Egypt, are scouring London. "I have seen more carbuncles in the last week," a prominent physician said, "than in all my life before My patients believe that the sixth plague of Egypt has been released upon the modern world by the opening of the tomb of Tutankhamen at Luxor. Coincident with the opening of the Pharaoh's tomb, the plague has struck London."

### PREACH AT GRACE CHURCH

The Rev. Charles F. Sontag of Washington will preach at the Lenten services which will be held in Grace Episcopal Church at 8 o'clock tonight.

## DENIES KLAN RESPONSIBLE FOR ARRESTS

City Manager Rich Replies to Statement In D. C., Paper

### KLAN AGAINST RUM

Members of "Invisible Empire" May Have Served on Bootlegging Juries

"The Ku Klux Klan had nothing to do with it," was the statement made by City Manager Wilder M. Rich this afternoon in reference to an article appearing today on the front page of a Washington newspaper which credited the Ku Klux Klan with being responsible for employing a detective who mingled with the bootlegging fraternity here and learned their habits and it is set forth "finally staged a hilarious party which the police, by prearrangement raided, obtaining evidence which was presented to the grand jury and which is held responsible for a court order closing two soft drink establishments and the indictment of the alleged proprietors."

The article then recites that the Majestic buffet 909 King street and the Black Cat, 115 South Union street, were the places ordered closed.

It was City Manager Rich who employed the detectives and obtained evidence against these places which resulted in the arrest of certain parties.

Some time ago, however, the Ku Klux Klan placed placards around the city calling on bootleggers to beware. The Ku Klux Klan it is stated are opposed to violations of the prohibition law, hence these signs.

The identity of the Klansmen is not known and some of its members may have served on the juries in bootlegging cases in court.

## To Build Engines In Richmond Plant

Southern Awards Contract for 66 Locomotives to State Concern

Richmond, Feb. 28.—R. P. Allison, general superintendent of the Richmond plant of the American Locomotive Company, said last night that the order awarded by the Southern Railway Company for sixty-six locomotives to cost \$3,700,000 with the stipulation that they be built here, is for August and September deliveries.

Mr. Allison confirmed the statement made by Fairfax Harrison, president of the Southern Railway to the effect that the order was placed with the understanding that the locomotives are to be built in Richmond. He said the situation at the local plant is most encouraging and that the work there is progressing satisfactorily.

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